



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 430

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to recognize Phil Armor on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Phil Armor is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty years as a planner and advocate for sound community planning; and

WHEREAS, a native of Armory, Mississippi, Mr. Armor is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a Master in Urban Regional Planning degree; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Tennessee, Mr. Armor began his planning career with the Mid-Cumberland Council of Governments, predecessor of the Greater Nashville Regional Council, for which he served an internship during his last six months of graduate school; and

WHEREAS, subsequently hired by Mid-Cumberland for a full-time position and working under the direction of Executive Director Judge Marshall Stewart, Mr. Armor was tasked with work under the Federal 701 program, which included regional recreational planning; the Nashville area's first Regional Land Use Plan, an early proponent of planning on a regional scale; and the preparation of a Regional Industrial Site Survey; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Phil Armor was named Director of Planning for the Southeast Tennessee Development District, in which he developed 701 studies, a regional water management quality plan for the Chattanooga urban area, and Federal 208 grants under the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, returning to Nashville, he was employed once again by the Mid-Cumberland Council of Governments to work under Federal 208 funding (the Clean Water Act), and spent two years directing a water quality project; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Armor accepted employment with the State of Tennessee in the mid-1970s, working for the State Planning Office, for which he prepared the first statewide Land Use Plan for Federal 701 purposes, which was titled *Growth Management in Tennessee* and was submitted to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Commissioner of Finance and Administration Lewis Donelson, Mr. Armor was called upon to review departmental budgets for programmatic and staffing purposes, monitor the legislature, review legislation and fiscal impact notes, and handle correspondence for Governor Lamar Alexander; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, he was assigned by Governor Alexander to develop and implement the "Homecoming '86" project, serving as the Director of Community Involvement. Working through Development Districts, he recruited communities to join Homecoming projects and tackle progressively larger projects, eventually signing on more than 800 individual communities, far exceeding the initial goal of 500; and

WHEREAS, during the Alexander administration, Phil Armor was also called upon to serve as the Governor's representative on the TN-TOM Waterway Management Plan Committee and the Water Quality Control Board; and

WHEREAS, after the election of Governor Ned McWherter, Mr. Armor worked on the Drug-Free Tennessee program and performed advance work for the McWherter administration's "Listening to Tennessee" tour of Tennessee before moving to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, for which he rendered sterling service with the newly-created Utility Management Review Board; and

WHEREAS, after a one-and-half-year stint in the private sector spent working for a firm that dealt in community bond issues and prepared utility rate projections, Phil Armor returned his focus on local community planning and rejoined the Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) in 1991; and

WHEREAS, as the GNRC's Director of Planning, Mr. Armor helped implement the new 1991 Solid Waste Management Act and launched a GNRC-led infrastructure survey of communities in Middle Tennessee that became the basis for the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations' Public Infrastructure Needs Inventory; and

WHEREAS, over the past twenty years, Phil Armor has also stepped up the GNRC's involvement in historic preservation and continued with work in water quality planning through partnerships with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation; and

WHEREAS, after spending forty years as a planner and advocate for sound community planning, Mr. Armor has recently announced that he will be taking a much-deserved retirement. He should be especially proud of his extensive career and life's work, which helped communities to help themselves; and

WHEREAS, Phil Armor exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Phil Armor has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and clients; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Phil Armor our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 20, 2011

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2nd day of June 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR